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argon (Ar), or xenon (Xe) or a gas mixture thereof at approximately 53,200 to 79,800 Pa (400 to 600 Torr), which serves as a luminescent gas, after which a gas burner or the like is used to seal the exhaust tube, thereby forming a plasma display panel with an exhaust tube.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Fig. 1 to Fig. 5 illustrate an apparatus and a method for manufacturing a plasma display panel according to the present invention, these drawings showing an apparatus for manufacturing a plasma display panel, this apparatus having a joining chamber 1 in which the front and rear substrates are joined by heating a low-melting-point glass, thereby forming the plasma display panel, and a gas introduction and sealing chamber 2, in which a luminescent gas or discharge gas is introduced into the plasma display panel via a gas introduction port 13a provided in the front substrate or the rear substrate, after which the gas introduction port is sealed.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10, beginning at page 9, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Fig. 1 shows the configuration of an apparatus for manufacturing a plasma display panel according to the present invention, Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross-sectional view showing the main part of the gas introduction and sealing chamber, Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view showing the condition in which a cap is pushed upward, and the plasma display panel is vacuum exhausted or filled with a luminescent gas, and Fig. 4 is a drawing showing the condition in which a heater is pressed up against the gas introduction port of the plasma display panel.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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